

Good Morning,

My name is Carol Renna, of Wallingford CT, and I would like to voice my support for HB 6976 AN ACT CONCERNING A STUDY OF RECOVERY HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAMS. I believe recovery high schools would be of great benefit to our children who suffer from the disease of addiction and in turn be a great benefit to society. As a mother of a recovering addict, I feel that having a recovery high school nearby would have made a difference to his well being and also of his friends. He had a friend that went away for treatment in high school only to relapse shortly after he came home, because he had no choice but go back to the same environment. A recovery high school would provide the environment and services needed to promote recovery in our youth. For every child the suffers from the disease we as a society have lost more than that child's future. Most likely that child will get in trouble with the law or draw on social services (food stamps, welfare, unemployment, etc) for many years to come. The investment in a recovery high school will pay for itself many times over, by allowing these youth a greater chance of becoming contributing members of society.

Thank you
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